

common touch. We remember him because 50 years ago, in a world at war, he reminded us that it is people—regular, everyday people from places like Dana, IN—who love, and fight and die in war. It is for this reason that as long as we remember World War II, we will remember the chronicler of America's G.I. Joes—Ernie Pyle.

TRIBUTE TO THE MACOMB COUNTY INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the volunteers and staff of the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers as they celebrate their first ever Volunteer Recognition Evening.

The Macomb Chapter of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers was established in 1993 to serve the older and physically challenged adults living in the community. These adults were struggling daily to maintain their independence. Interfaith discovered that a little extra help could make the difference between staying at home and moving into a nursing facility.

Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is an interdenominational network of local religious congregations joined together to respond to basic needs of those needing assistance. The program matches centrally trained volunteers of all ages with older and physically challenged adults to provide such services as housekeeping, home maintenance, shipping, transportation, and friendly visits. Because of the generosity and compassion of the program's 400 volunteers, the skilled management of Program Coordinator Karyn Dombrowski, and the strong commitment of the board of directors, the services are offered completely free of charge.

It is clear that faith and community involvement are key elements in the lives of all of the volunteers. Their sense of responsibility and concern for others have made the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers a truly remarkable organization.

My best wishes to all of the incredible volunteers on this special evening.

TRIBUTE TO ACCESS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take the opportunity to congratulate and call to the attention of my colleagues an organization in my congressional district dedicated to the well-being of a rich and vibrant community in Dearborn, MI. The name of the organization is ACCESS, which has delivered immeasurable social service throughout its existence and is marking its success with the ACCESS annual banquet on April 8, 1995.

As a Member of Congress, it is a distinct pleasure to serve what is commonly recognized as the largest community of Arab-Americans

in the United States. Like every other person I represent in my congressional district, Arab-Americans are busy raising children, running their businesses, getting involved in local civic, cultural, and religious organizations, and trying to make the most of the American dream.

The executive director of ACCESS is Ismael Ahmed, an individual with whom I have worked to help secure support for health care, education, other support services for persons in need. During Ish's tenure, ACCESS has gone from a simple shop to a sophisticated organization. This parallels a renaissance in many neighborhoods in our Arab-American community, and tremendous growth in Arab contributions to the local, regional, and national economy.

Throughout our history, the American dream has represented the sum of our citizens' hopes, ambitions, and struggles to build a better life for ourselves and our children. Arab-Americans are only one more group of people who are successfully building their lives and planning better futures for their children. This success rests in part on the dedication of ACCESS to providing people with the means they need to overcome cultural and language barriers and become a part of our rich national fabric.

JIMMY STEWART MUSEUM TO OPEN IN INDIANA, PA

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, one of America's best-loved actors over the last 60 years is Jimmy Stewart. Recipient of the Academy Award for best actor for "The Philadelphia Story" in 1940, Jimmy Stewart appeared in more than 80 full-length feature films and numerous television specials. Who can forget his performances in such American film classics as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"?

Although Jimmy Stewart is best recognized for the many film roles he played, too many people forget the role he also played as a fighter pilot in World War II. Less than a year after winning the Academy Award, he was in training in the Army Air Force, and by 1943 he was in command of a squadron in Europe. He returned from World War II a veteran of over 20 combat missions, and he's one of the true American heroes that we honor in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. When he returned from the war, he didn't immediately go to Hollywood; he did what thousands of American soldiers did, and went back to his hometown—in this case, Indiana, PA.

Indiana, PA, is the birthplace of Jimmy Stewart, and this western Pennsylvania town is justifiably proud of its native son. To celebrate his 87th birthday on May 20, the James M. Stewart Museum in Indiana will be dedicated. The town is planning a gala celebration, including a dinner, parade, and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The James M. Stewart Museum is bound to be a favorite stop for movie buffs all over the United States. I'd like to salute the folks in Indiana, PA, who have worked tirelessly to put this museum together and make it a place which tells the Jimmy Stewart story. And most

of all, I'd like to salute Jimmy Stewart, the actor who has brought us many hours of pleasure in his movie and television roles, the American hero who fought for his country, and the native son of western Pennsylvania who has never forgotten his hometown.

HONORING JOE ALEXANDER

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Virginia's best known and most successful political leaders, who is retiring from public office after 32 years of service. Joseph Alexander, known as "Metro Joe," or "The Baron of Lee District," has announced he will not seek reelection to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors from Lee District. He is being honored by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce at this annual turkey roast on April 22, 1995.

Joe grew up in Franconia, where his father, Milton Alexander, established the Franconia Hardware Store at 6124 Franconia Road. His mother, Celia, was the local post mistress at the Franconia Post Office, which was located in the same building with the hardware store.

Joe moved on to attend college at Virginia Tech, where he served with the Corps of Cadets all 4 years of his stay. He graduated in 1951 with a degree in business administration and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air Force. Joe continued at Tech in 1952, and pursued a degree in public administration. He was called to duty this time and went to flight training. He served in the Korean war as a first lieutenant until 1955.

After leaving the service, Joe returned to Fairfax County and joined his father in the family hardware business, and became active in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president from 1959 to 1961. Prior to his leadership role with the chamber, Joe met Davina Einbinder, a Washington, DC, native. In June of 1956, they married and moved into the Rose Hill area of Lee District, where they have continued to live to this day.

While serving in the Springfield Chamber and being active in the community as a local businessman, Joe became interested and concerned about the future of Fairfax County. Other area businesses were also concerned that there was no representation for the business community on the Board of Supervisors during 1960. They began to press Joe to run for the Lee District position on the board. Joe decided to enter the race in 1963. With the Franconia Hardware Store as his headquarters, Joe received a large amount of public support from the Springfield Chamber, local fire fighters, and a number of Lee District communities. His bid for the seat was successful, and in 1964 Joe was sworn in as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Joe always showed a strong interest in transportation issues, and in 1971 he was appointed as an alternate member of the Metro board. He was instrumental in getting the citizens of Fairfax County to approve bonds to finance the regional Metro system. He became a principle voting member in 1973, and he further advanced the organization to serve as